

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004, requiring an election to the Restriction Requirement, applicant elects, without traverse, Group I which is drawn to a reinforced catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 524. This elected group includes original claims 1-11 and 24-28 and Species II shown in Figs. 4a-4d.

Applicant respectfully withdraws claims 12-23, 29-33, and 34-40 from further consideration herein.

Allowance of all claims and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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